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(54) Portable shopping and order fulfillment system

(57) The present invention relates to an improved order fulfillment system. The system is provided with improved data entry system for selecting items for purchase by a customer, and an improved item collection terminal and order delivery system. The portable termi-

nal to be used for collecting of items is provided with an audio as well as video presentation means which are used to provide assistance to the to terminal user.

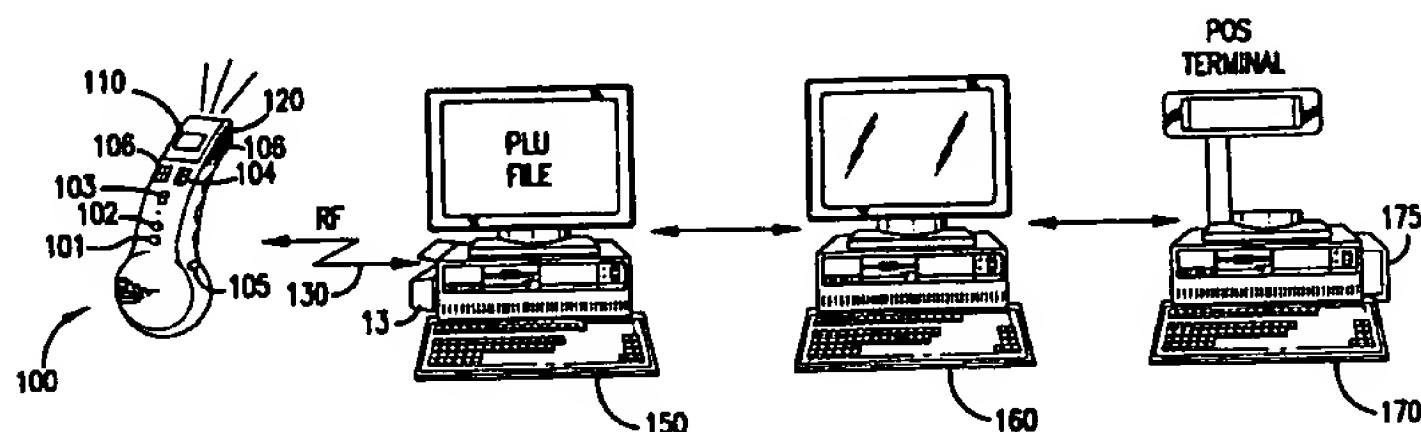


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1. Claims: 1,2,4-8,12-15.

Portable terminal for collecting data from a set of coded indicia on a selected item for retrieving a data file associated with the selected item from a central host over a wireless communication network with a spread spectrum access point, said terminal comprising a control unit, a graphical display, a machine barcode reader, said barcode designation is a URL, a data processing software.
System for presenting a custom data file including a list of customer preferences.

2. Claim : 3

Portable terminal having a video display comprising a user command switch for generating a change of display orientation.

3. Claims: 9,10.

System for collecting data comprising a portable data collection device having a display, an integrated barcode reader, an EAS tag deactivator and a wireless radio network.

4. Claim : 11.

System for distributing data to one of a plurality of terminals over a wireless communication network.

5. Claim : 16.

System for fulfilling orders placed from a remote site comprising communication means, a portable terminal for retrieving the order from the central order processor and delivery means for delivering goods to a customer location.

6. Claim : 17.

Portable terminal comprising means for collecting machine coded data and means for providing telephone communication.

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